Bodies of CIA Agent, Airman To Be Sent Home by Vietnam

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Vietnam soon will return the remains of two more missing Americans, including a former CIA operative reportedly arrested after the fall of Saigon in 1975, according to the presidential commission that returned here yesterday from Hanoi.

The American delegation was advised of the Vietnamese decision on the eve of leaving Hanoi last Saturday, said chairman Leonard Woodcock, but delayed the announcement until the relatives of 61-year-old Tucker Gougleman, the CIA operative, were notified. The other American is an unknown crew member of an Air Force B-52 bomber shot down near Hanoi during the Christmas bombing of 1972.

The Vietnamese earlier had handed over to the commission the remains of 12 Americans whose death they had verified last September.

Gougleman, whose sister lives in Florida, left the CIA in 1972 after serving two tours in Vietnam, among other places, according to U.S. officials. Retired in Bangkok, he traveled to Saigon just before the city's fall and reportedly was arrested and confined in Saigon's Chi Hoa Prison.

The grave of the unknown B-52 crewman was seen by U.S. observers in a Hanoi cemetery in 1973 along with those of 23 U.S. prisoners who died in captivity. The Vietnamese returned the former prisoners but kept the 24th man.